

**Question for written answer E-002365/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Compensation for seafood farms that have taken a hit due to climate change

The Mediterranean is considered one of the regions most vulnerable to climate change, as temperatures there are rising 20 % faster than the global average. The climate crisis and rising sea temperatures are affecting primary production and having serious implications for Mediterranean marine ecosystems as well as a series of related sectors such as mussel-farming.

For example, it is estimated that 60 % of this year's marketable production of species such as mussels was lost due to high temperatures lasting many days, with sea warming expected to severely affect the next harvest too.

In light of the above:

1. Is the Commission looking into the possibility of earmarking resources from European funds such as the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF) to compensate affected farmers as but also to create new funding programmes in case these resources prove insufficient?
2. How does it plan to support the process of ensuring sustainability in these sectors?

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